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1 — A massive seawall for Southeast Texas could save money. But so far, there's none to spend, Houston Chronicle, 1/6/18

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/A-massive-seawall-for-Southeast-Texas-could-save-12477716.php>

If the Houston-Galveston region continues to boom for the next 60 years and sea level rises as scientists predict, a direct hit to Galveston from a massive hurricane could destroy an estimated \$31.8 billion worth of homes, a new study says. But Texas A&M researchers found that with a 17-foot barrier about 60 miles long from Galveston Island to Bolivar Peninsula, the potential residential destruction from a storm surge would drop to about \$6 billion.

2 — How thousands of homes were built inside Houston reservoirs designed to flood (audio), Texas Tribune, 1/6/17

<https://www.texastribune.org/2018/01/06/tide-high-wading-through-hurricane-harveys-damage-audio/>

Last year saw the most destructive Atlantic hurricane season on record. As climate change pushes ocean temperatures ever higher, scientists predict storms will continue growing more severe. How did we get here? And what steps are we taking to ensure that rising seas and catastrophic weather don't swallow American communities whole?

3 — Appeals court keeps leash on in Ark. haze case, E&E News, 1/5/17

<https://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2018/01/05/stories/1060070249>

A federal appeals court has balked at U.S. EPA's bid for an open-ended hold on litigation surrounding emissions reduction requirements for several Arkansas power plants, instead extending the freeze for another 90 days.

4 — 2 states' river feud clearing up, WRAL, 1/7/18

<http://www.wral.com/2-states-river-feud-clearing-up/17230507/>

The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette reports that the level of phosphorus in the Illinois River continues to consistently exceed Oklahoma's state standard of 0.037 milligrams of phosphorus per liter, reports show, more than a decade after the state sued Northwest Arkansas poultry companies for contributing the element to the river.

5 — Hog farm's request for new permit languishing, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 1/8/17

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2018/jan/08/hog-farm-s-request-for-new-permit-langu/?f=latest>

Sunday was the 640th day since C&H Hog Farms applied for a new permit for its Mount Judea concentrated animal feeding operation, and it remains unclear when the farmers will learn the outcome of their request.

6 — Earthquake 3.5 magnitude hits just south of San Antonio, San Antonio Express-News, 1/7/18

<http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local/article/Earthquake-3-5-magnitude-hits-just-south-of-San-12478702.php>

A 3.5 magnitude earthquake hit south of San Antonio Saturday morning according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The location of the quake is right in the middle of the Eagle Ford Shale play.

7 — Magnitude 3.1 earthquake rattles part of Oklahoma, Tulsa World, 1/7/18

http://www.tulsaworld.com/ap/national/magnitude-earthquake-rattles-part-of-oklahoma/article_d4cc7256-28a4-5ec9-a3a2-37d0ec429b3b.html

A magnitude 3.1 earthquake has shaken part of north-central Oklahoma. The U.S. Geological Survey says the quake was recorded at 1:37 p.m. Sunday about 10 miles east of Hennessey in Kingfisher County. The temblor was recorded at a depth of two miles.

8 — Bayou Bridge pipeline winds up in court as environmentalists, state square off, Baton Rouge Advocate, 1/5/18

http://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/news/environment/article_fb91e052-f254-11e7-a8ba-831cd3f1603d.html

A state judge is weighing arguments about whether to overturn a necessary permit for Bayou Bridge, the proposed crude oil pipeline that would connect Lake Charles to St. James Parish.

9 — EPA moving quickly to write new climate rule in 2018, Politico, 1/5/18

<https://www.politico.com/story/2018/01/05/epa-climate-rule-2018-327113>

Environmental Protection Agency staffers are under orders from the Trump administration to complete a replacement for former President Barack Obama's major climate change rule by the end of the year, far faster than the normal pace the agency uses to develop major regulations, according to three sources familiar with the process.

10 — Congressional watchdog to study Superfund site risks posed by disasters, climate change, The Hill, 1/5/18

<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/367598-gao-to-study-superfund-sites-risks-from-disasters-climate-change>

A top government watchdog group is planning to study the risk that natural disasters and climate change pose to the nation's Superfund sites.

11 — EPA wants to list New Mexico creek basin as cleanup priority, KTXS, 1/6/18

<http://www.ktxs.com/news/texas/epa-wants-to-list-new-mexico-creek-basin-as-cleanup-priority/682385689>

Federal environmental regulators want to add a northwestern New Mexico creek basin in an area with a history of uranium mining to a list of priorities for cleanup.

12 — OPINION: Trump's offshore oil drilling plans ignore the lessons of BP Deepwater Horizon, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 1/5/18

http://www.nola.com/opinions/index.ssf/2018/01/trumps_offshore_oil_drilling_p.html#incart_river_index

The Trump Administration is proposing to ease regulations that were adopted to make offshore oil and gas drilling operations safer after the 2010 Deepwater Horizon disaster. This event was the worst oil spill in U.S. history.